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Projective manifolds with hyperplane sections being five-sheeted covers of projective space*

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ABSTRACT

Here we consider the classification problem of smooth complex projective varieties containing a finite branched covering of \mathbb{P}^n as a very ample divisor. In this talk, we first introduce the problem and its background. After that, we present a classification result (Main Theorem) in case where the degree of the finite covering is five, and mention the keys of the proof.

1 Introduction and Main Theorem

(1.1) Let X be a smooth complex projective $(n+1)$ -fold and L a very ample line bundle on it. We consider the following condition:

$(*)_d$ There exists a smooth member $A \in |L|$ such that there exists a finite morphism $\pi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ of degree d .

(1.2) We immediately find that the following are examples of (X, L) :

Examples (Obvious pairs). $(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}(d))$ and $(H_d^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{H_d^{n+1}}(1))$, where $H_d^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+2}$ is a smooth hypersurface of degree d , and π is a projection from a point.

So, what kind of “non-obvious” pairs show up? This natural question underlies our study.

(1.3) Classical results on surfaces with hyperelliptic curves as hyperplane sections (e.g. [Cas]) and their revision made in the eighties ([Ser], [SV]) called the attention to the problem of classifying pairs (X, L) with $(*)_d$. The problem has been considered by several authors:

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- In the case of $(n, d) = (1, 2)$, F. Serrano [Ser], A. J. Sommese-A. Van de Ven [SV] classified the pairs (X, L) with $(*)_d$ independently.
- In the case of $(n, d) = (1, 3)$, M. L. Fania [Fan] studied the structure of the pairs (X, L) by using the adjunction mapping.
- In cases where (i) $(n \geq 2, d = 2)$ and (ii) $(n \geq 4, d = 3)$, the pairs (X, L) are classified by A. Lanteri-M. Palleschi-A. J. Sommese (L-P-S for short) in [LPS1] and [LPS2].

(1.4) We want to classify the polarized pairs (X, L) for all n and d . But it seems to be a difficult problem.

In what follows, we assume that $n > d$. Then we have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & i^* & & \pi^* & \\
 \text{Pic}(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}(A) & \longleftarrow & \text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^n) \cong \mathbb{Z} \\
 \Psi & & \Psi & & \Psi \\
 \mathcal{H} & \longleftrightarrow & \pi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) & \longleftrightarrow & \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1),
 \end{array}$$

where $i: A \hookrightarrow X$ denotes the inclusion map. Here we obtain that

- π^* is an isomorphism by virtue of a Barth-type theorem by R. Lazarsfeld ([Laz, Proposition 3.1]); and
- i^* is an also isomorphism by the Lefschetz hyperplane section theorem.

Thus we see that there exists a unique line bundle $\mathcal{H} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ such that $\mathcal{H}_A = \pi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$. And one can easily show that each of the above three line bundles is an ample generator of each of the above Picard groups.

(1.5) For $d \in \{2, 3\}$, the pairs (X, L) with $(*)_d$ are classified by L-P-S as mentioned in (1.3). The result on the degree $d = 2$ case says that there are no pairs (X, L) except the obvious ones. And, in the degree 3 case, the “non-obvious” pair is only one:

Theorem 1 (Lanteri-Palleschi-Sommese). *Let X be a projective manifold of dimension $n+1$ and L a very ample line bundle on X satisfying $(*)_d$.*

(1) [LPS1] If $n > d = 2$, then (X, L) is one of the following:

(i) $(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}(2))$; or (ii) $(\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}}(1))$.

(2) [LPS2] If $n > d = 3$, then (X, L) is one of the following:

(i) $(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}(3))$; (ii) $(H_3^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{H_3^{n+1}}(1))$; or (iii) $(Y, 3\mathcal{L})$, where (Y, \mathcal{L}) is a Del Pezzo manifold of degree one.

Note. (i) **Definition.** For a polarized manifold (Y, \mathcal{L}) of $\dim Y = n + 1$,

$$(Y, \mathcal{L}): \text{ a Del Pezzo manifold of degree one} \\ \xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} -K_Y = n\mathcal{L} \text{ and the degree } d(Y, \mathcal{L}) := \mathcal{L}^{n+1} = 1.$$

(ii) In (2), the very ampleness of $3\mathcal{L}$ is also proved by L-P-S.

(1.6) It is natural to ask what kind of “non-obvious” pairs appear as the degree of the covering π is getting large. So we obtained a classification of the pairs (X, L) with $(*)_d$ in the degree 5 case. In fact, no less than two “non-obvious” pairs newly show up as stated below: (4) and (5).

Main Theorem. Let X be a projective manifold of dimension $n + 1 > 6$. Then there exists a very ample line bundle L on X that satisfies the condition $(*)_{d=5}$ if and only if (X, L) is one of the following:

(1) $(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}(5))$;

(2) $(H_5^{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{H_5^{n+1}}(1))$;

(3) $(Y, 5\mathcal{L})$;

(4) $(V_{10}, \mathcal{O}_{V_{10}}(5))$, where V_{10} is a smooth weighted hypersurface of degree 10 in the weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}(5, 2, 1^{n+1})$; or

(5) $(W_{20}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5))$, where W_{20} is a smooth weighted hypersurface of degree 20 in $\mathbb{P}(5, 4, 1^{n+1})$.

Notation. Here $\mathbb{P}(e_0, \dots, e_N)$ denotes a weighted projective space $\text{Proj } \mathbb{C}[X_0, \dots, X_N]$ with weights $\text{wt}(X_i) = e_i$ for each $0 \leq i \leq N$. And, for instance, we abbreviate $\mathbb{P}(5, 2, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_m)$ to $\mathbb{P}(5, 2, 1^m)$.

(1.7) A new problem arising in our degree 5 case is to determine the structure of a certain polarized manifold (X, \mathcal{H}) with invariants

$$\Delta(X, \mathcal{H}) = d(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1,$$

where $\Delta(X, \mathcal{H})$, said to be the Δ -genus of (X, \mathcal{H}) , is defined by $\dim X + \mathcal{H}^{\dim X} - h^0(X, \mathcal{H})$.

In general, the polarized manifolds with these invariants are classified by T. Fujita [Fuj1] in case where the sectional genus

$$g(X, \mathcal{H}) := 1 + \frac{1}{2}(K_X + n\mathcal{H}) \cdot \mathcal{H}^n \leq 2.$$

In case where the sectional genus ≥ 3 , the classification problem of the polarized manifolds with $\Delta(X, \mathcal{H}) = d(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1$ is yet to be studied and developed for no less than about two decades.

In the degree 3 case, it follows from the arguments as in [LPS2] that $g(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1$. Therefore one has only to apply the Fujita's classification in [Fuj1] in order to obtain the classification described above.

In contrast, in our degree 5 case, we have to treat the case where $g(X, \mathcal{H}) = 6$. In fact, we can determine the structure of a new polarized manifold which does not appear in the Fujita's classification ((5) in Main Theorem), successfully.

2 The Keys of the Proof of Main Theorem

(2.1) The following are the keys of the proof.

- (A) To prove the very ampleness of the line bundle $\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5)$ in Main Theorem (5) ('if' part).
- (B) To determine the structure of a certain polarized manifold (X, \mathcal{H}) with $\Delta(X, \mathcal{H}) = d(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1$ and $g(X, \mathcal{H}) = 6$ ('only if' part).

(2.2) What is the important is the following:

Fact 1. *For a polarized manifold (M, \mathcal{L}) ,*

$$\Delta(M, \mathcal{L}) = d(M, \mathcal{L}) = 1 \implies \text{Bs}|\mathcal{L}| \text{ consists of a single point.}$$

For the proof, we refer to [Fuj1, (13.6)]. In what follows, we put $p := \text{Bs}|\mathcal{L}|$.

PART (A)

(2.3) We take a coordinate system of $W_{20} \subset \mathbb{P}(5, 4, 1^{n+1})$, $\{x, y, z_0, \dots, z_n\}$, where $\text{wt}(x, y, z_i) = (5, 4, 1)$ for each $0 \leq i \leq n$. Then it is shown that the following form a basis of $H^0(W_{20}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5))$:

$$x, yz_0, \dots, yz_n, z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_5}, \text{ where } 0 \leq j_1 \leq \dots \leq j_5 \leq n.$$

(2.4) We get the conclusion with the next steps:

(A1) We show that $\text{Bs}|\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5)| = \emptyset$;

(A2) We claim that the morphism $\varphi: W_{20} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(|\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5)|)$ associated to $\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5)$ is injective; and

(A3) We prove that the linear system $|\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5)|$ separates the tangent vectors.

(2.5) We use the following fact:

Fact 2 (A. Laface). *Let (M, \mathcal{L}) be a polarized manifold with $\mathcal{L} \geq 0$. Assume that the graded ring $R(M, \mathcal{L}) := \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\infty} H^0(M, l\mathcal{L})$ is generated in degrees $\leq r$. Then the rational map associated to $r\mathcal{L}$*

$$\varphi_{r\mathcal{L}}: M \setminus \text{Bs}|\mathcal{L}| \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(|r\mathcal{L}|)$$

gives an embedding.

For the proof, see [Laf, Theorem 2.2].

From $\Delta(W_{20}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(1)) = d(W_{20}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(1)) = 1$, it suffices to prove that φ gives an embedding at p .

(2.6) (A1): Since W_{20} does not meet the singular locus of $\mathbb{P}(5, 4, 1^{n+1})$, we have

$$W_{20} \supset \text{Bs}|\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5)| = (x = 0) \cap \left(\bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq n} (z_i = 0) \right) = \emptyset.$$

(2.7) (A2): For any $q \in W_{20}$ satisfying $\varphi(p) = \varphi(q)$, we obtain that $z_i(q) = 0$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$. Hence, by (2.2), we see that

$$q \in \bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq n} (z_i = 0) = \text{Bs}|\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(1)| = \{p\}.$$

(2.8) (A3): To prove is that for any non-zero tangent vector $\tau \in T_p(W_{20})$ there exists a section $\sigma \in H^0(\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(5))$ satisfying the following conditions

$$\sigma(p) = 0 \text{ and } d\sigma(\tau) \neq 0.$$

We claim that $\sigma_i := yz_i$ satisfies the above conditions for some $0 \leq i \leq n$. The former condition holds because $z_i(p) = 0$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$. We prove that the latter holds by contradiction. Suppose that there exists a non-zero $\tau \in T_p(W_{20})$ such that $d\sigma_i(\tau) = 0$ for all i . Since $d\sigma_i(\tau) = y(p)dz_i(\tau)$ and $y(p) \neq 0$, we see that $dz_i(\tau) = 0$ for each i . Therefore we obtain

$$\tau \in T_p(\Gamma), \text{ where } \Gamma := \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq n} (z_i = 0) \subset W_{20}.$$

Furthermore, since $dz_0(\tau) = 0$, we obtain that $\Gamma \cdot \mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(1) \geq 2$, which contradicts $\mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(1)^{n+1} = 1$. Thus (A3) is proved.

PART (B)

(2.9) The aim of PART (B) is to determine the structure of the polarized manifold (X, \mathcal{H}) with the following condition:

$$h^0(A, \mathcal{H}_A) = n + 1 \text{ and } g(X, \mathcal{H}) = 6.$$

Here we want to prove the following:

Theorem 2. *We have*

$$(X, \mathcal{H}) \cong (W_{20}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{20}}(1)).$$

(2.10) The next lemma follows from typical calculations. What is the important in the proof of Theorem 2 is the very ampleness of $5\mathcal{H}$.

Lemma 1. *We have (1) $L = 5\mathcal{H}$; (2) $d(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1$; and (3) $h^0(X, \mathcal{H}) = n + 1$, therefore $\Delta(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1$.*

Remark. Let V_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) be a general member of $|\mathcal{H}|$. Set

$$S := \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} V_i \subset X, \text{ and put } C := S \cap V_n \subset X.$$

Then, in fact, we can show that S and C are smooth. Moreover, we obtain that $h^0(\mathcal{H}_S) = 2$ and $h^0(\mathcal{H}_C) = 1$. But we omit the proof here.

(2.11) We proceed with the following steps.

(B1) We show that $R(C, \mathcal{H}_C) \cong \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]/(F_{20})$, where

- $\text{wt}(x, y, z) = (5, 4, 1)$; and
- F_{20} is some irreducible homogeneous polynomial of degree 20 in $\mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$.

(B2) We claim that the restriction map $\rho: R(S, \mathcal{H}_S) \rightarrow R(C, \mathcal{H}_C)$ is surjective.

Indeed, (B1) and (B2) imply the assertion by the following reason: We see that (S, \mathcal{H}_S) is a weighted hypersurface of degree 20 in $\mathbb{P}(5, 4, 1^2)$. Combining this and a result by S. Mori [Mor, Proposition 3.10], we obtain that (X, \mathcal{H}) is a weighted hypersurface of degree 20 in $\mathbb{P}(5, 4, 1^{n+1})$. Thus the assertion holds.

From now on, we explain the idea for the proof of (B1) and (B2).

(2.12) *Outline of the proof of (B1):* First we will find generators of the graded algebra $R(C, \mathcal{H}_C)$ by calculating each $h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$. Using the adjunction formula, we obtain that $g(C) = 6$. And it follows from the Riemann-Roch theorem for curves that

$$h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C) - h^0((10-l)\mathcal{H}_C) = l - 5 \quad \text{for all } l \geq 0.$$

For $l \geq 11$, we immediately have $h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C) = l - 5$ due to the Kodaira vanishing theorem. For $0 \leq l \leq 10$, one can compute the values $h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$ as follows:

l	$h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$	l	$h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$
1	1	6	3
2	1	7	3
3	1	8	4
4	2	9	5
5	3	10	6

In fact, the keys of the computation of $h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$ are $d(X, \mathcal{H}) = 1$ and the very ampleness of $L = 5\mathcal{H}$. We see that the image of C by the morphism associated to $5\mathcal{H}_C$ is a smooth plane quintic curve. Therefore we have $h^0(5\mathcal{H}_C) = 3$. Furthermore, it is well-known that a smooth plane quintic curve has neither g_2^1 nor g_3^1 . Thus it follows that $h^0(2\mathcal{H}_C) = h^0(3\mathcal{H}_C) = 1$.

We also see that $h^0(4\mathcal{H}_C) = 2$ by using $\deg \mathcal{H}_C = 1$. In this way, we obtain the above table.

Now let z be a basis of $H^0(\mathcal{H}_C)$. Choose $y \in H^0(4\mathcal{H}_C)$ such that $H^0(4\mathcal{H}_C) = \langle z^4, y \rangle$. Moreover, choose $x \in H^0(5\mathcal{H}_C)$ such that $H^0(5\mathcal{H}_C) = \langle z^5, yz, x \rangle$. It is proved that the sections x, y, z are generators of $R(C, \mathcal{H}_C)$ by using the following fact :

Fact 3. *For any integer $l \geq 12$, the equation $5i + 4j = l$ has at least one solution (i, j) of non-negative integers.*

Next, we find the relations among the generators. We see that there exists a unique relation F_{20} of degree 20 comparing the values of each $h^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$ and the numbers of pieces of the monomials in each $H^0(l\mathcal{H}_C)$. Moreover, we see that the relation is written as

$$F_{20} = x^4 + y^5 + z\phi_{19}(x, y, z)$$

after we replace x and y by suitable scalar multiples, where $\phi_{19}(x, y, z)$ is a homogeneous polynomial in x, y, z of degree 19. And we can also show that F_{20} is irreducible in $\mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ by easy calculations. Taking account of this and $\dim \mathbb{C}[x, y, z] = 3$, we see that the relations are generated by F_{20} , which proves (B1).

(2.13) Notation. Let $\mathbf{s} = \{s_0, \dots, s_N\}$ be a minimal set of generators of $R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)$. And write

$$R(S, \mathcal{H}_S) = \mathbb{C}[s_0, \dots, s_N]/I_{\mathbf{s}} \text{ with some homogeneous ideal } I_{\mathbf{s}}.$$

(2.14) Outline of the proof of (B2): It suffices to prove that $R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)$ is a Cohen-Macaulay ring because it is fulfilled that $H^1(l\mathcal{H}_S) = 0$ for all $l \in \mathbb{Z}$. From now on, we find a regular sequence of length 3 contained in $R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)_+ := \bigoplus_{i>0} H^0(S, i\mathcal{H}_S)$. In fact, by recalling that $h^0(\mathcal{H}_S) = 2$, we have $H^0(\mathcal{H}_S) = \langle s, t \rangle$ with $\rho(t) = z$ and $(s)_0 = C$. Then we can show that a sequence s, t is $R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)$ -regular. But we omit the proof here.

Now by using the very ampleness of $L = 5\mathcal{H}$, we can prove the following.

Lemma 2. *The restriction map $\rho_5: H^0(5\mathcal{H}_S) \longrightarrow H^0(5\mathcal{H}_C)$ is surjective.*

Here we choose a section $u \in H^0(5\mathcal{H}_S)$ such that $\rho_5(u) = x$. What we want to prove is that u is $R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)/(s, t)$ -regular. The following is important:

Lemma 3. *The ideal I_s has no generators in degrees ≤ 5 .*

For the proof, we refer to [Ami, Lemma 6.5].

Now, by (2.2), we find that $p = \text{Proj}(R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)/(s, t))$ is an integral scheme. Hence $(R(S, \mathcal{H}_S)/(s, t))_+$ has no zero-divisors. Furthermore, due to Lemma 3, we get the conclusion.

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